May 20, 1914.

Mr. William H. Porter,
23 Wall St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Porter;

I was out of town over Sunday and Monday and hence the delay in replying to your kind letter of May 16th. The base ball field and track are in excellent condition, of course very much better than anything we have ever had at Middlebury. The students are enthusiastic over the condition of the field for athletic purposes. Every spectator is impressed with the sightliness of the field.

There is still some work to be done on the road, but Judge Weeks expects to have that finished next week. The material for the fence is on the ground but has not yet been put up, owing to the impossibility of getting sufficient labor after the clay soil was in condition to work. We labor under the handicap of being obliged to sit around and wait for a good share of the year and then having everybody wanting everything done all at once.

For stands we are using the bleachers which were brought from the old field, having been built so that they could be moved. These are hardly sufficient and we really ought to have a permanent covered stand, with dressing rooms underneath, with shower baths and toilets. The balance in the treasury at this date is $934.64 which is ample to complete the work on the road and the fence and do some more grading, but which would not be sufficient to erect permanent stands. I do not know what these would cost at this writing, but will try to secure an estimate.

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Since my former letter the ball team has won two games away from home, against Colgate and Rensselaer Polytehhnic. They have not been defeated yet this year.

Doubtless you received my communication concerning the new chapel which Governor Mead proposes to erect. This gift has made us very happy, but I am deeply impressed with the responsibility in erecting such a permanent building.

Faithfully yours,